

32692

Customer Number

Patent
Case No.: 54838US010

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: OLMAN, CHERYL A.

Application No.: 10/030311

Group Art Unit: 2875

Filed: April 25, 2000

Examiner: James W. Cranson, Jr.

Title: SHALLOW DEPTH BACK LIT ILLUMINATED SIGNAGE

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

| CERTIFICATE OF MAILING | |
|--|-------------------------|
| I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on: | |
| <u>3-22-04</u> | <u>Kim Elfstrom</u> |
| Date | Signed by: Kim Elfstrom |

Dear Sir:

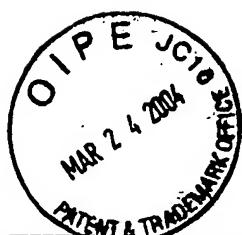
This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, mailed December 22, 2003, in the above-identified application.

This Amendment is believed to be timely submitted. It is believed that no fee is due; however, in the event a fee is required, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

03/25/2004 WABDELRI 00000120 133723 10030311
01 FC:1201 86.00 DA

32692

Customer Number



Image

Patent
Case No.: 54838US0102875
B

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: OLMAN, CHERYL A.

Application No.: 10/030311

Group Art Unit: 2875

Filed: April 25, 2000

Examiner: James W. Cranson, Jr.

Title: SHALLOW DEPTH BACK LIT ILLUMINATED SIGNAGE

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTERCommissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on:

3-22-04
DateKim Elfstrom
Signed by: Kim Elfstrom

Attached is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

| Claims As Amended | | | | | | |
|--|--|-------|--|----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| (1) | (2) Claims Remaining After Amendment | (3) | (4) Highest No. Previously Paid For | (5) Present Extra | (6) Rate | (7) Additional Fee |
| Total Claims | 4 | Minus | ** 18 | 0 | x \$18.00 | \$0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | Minus | *** 3 | 1 | x \$86.00 | \$86.00 |
| Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims, if no such fee has been previously paid | | | | | \$290.00 | |
| Total Additional Fee For This Amendment → | | | | | | \$86.00 |
| ** If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" in this space would be less than 20, write "20" in this space. | | | | | | |
| *** If the "Highest No. previously Paid For" in this space would be less than 3, write "3" in this space. | | | | | | |

Please charge to Deposit Account 13-3723 any fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application. This authorization includes the fee for any extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) that may be necessary. To the extent any such extension should become necessary, it is hereby requested. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

3-22-04

Date

By:

Stephen W. Buckingham, Reg. No.: 30,035
Telephone No.: (651) 733-3379Office of Intellectual Property Counsel
3M Innovative Properties Company
Facsimile No.: 651-736-3833